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To the REVEREND Mr. Archdeacon *Tenison*,

SIR,

I Perused what you published on Occasion of the Demand for Dilapidations, in which I perceive you have made gross and very unjust Reflections on me; I should have over-look'd them, but that I lately heard your Pamphlets made an Impression on some sort of People, I then gave them a second reading; and observe you suggest, 'That an Evil Spirit of Litigiousness had been 'rais'd at *Doctors Commons* to vex and haunt you, that some Persons 'in their Conversations, for some Months past, had made it their Business to revile and throw Dirt upon the Dead, in hopes of making 'Court to the Living; that your Uncle *Tenison* had been painted in 'odious Colours, and that his Grace the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury* had prevail'd with himself to condescend so far as to suffer your 'Uncle's Memory to be treated with great Indignity.

'You think it was not probable the Libel had been seen by many 'Persons besides his Grace and the R. R. Dr. *Hicks*'s Friend, Dr. *Paul*, 'Dr. *Henchman*, and Mr. *Farrant*, and to such only as some of them 'might have communicated it.

'You very honourably acquit Dr. *Paul* and Dr. *Henchman* from 'every thing but perusing the Libel, and that you think allowable.

'You say you will not charge Mr. *Farrant* with writing the anony-'mous Letter, tho' the Libel was fram'd by him.

'You ſuggeſt 'tis certain there's great Familiarity between Mr. *Farrant* and the R. R. Dr. *Hicks*'s Friend, and that one of them muſt know every Perſon that was concerned in the Libel.

'You add, that he who knows all the Hands thro' which the Libel has gone, without Difficulty may point out the Perſon who writ the anonymous Letter.

'By all which I apprehend you inſinuate that I rais'd the Spirit of Litigiouſneſs at *Doctors Commons* to vex and haunt you, and advis'd and concerted with the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln* about the Libel, and that I had fram'd a Libel of my own Invention, and in it, thrown Dirt on the late Archbiſhop, and your Uncle *Teniſon* his Steward, and that I am the Author of the anonymous Letter, and wrote it to terrify you.

All which I muſt declare to you and the World is very untrue; and I appeal to your own Conſcience, whether before you was cited to anſwer to his Grace in the Cauſe of Dilapidations, and long before any Libel was drawn, to wit, in *Auguſt* laſt, when I diſcourſed with you at *Tunbridge* concerning the Dilapidations, I ſay, whether I did not then expreſs my Concern that a Cauſe was to be commenc'd for Dilapidations, and deſire you by all means to endeavour to prevent it, and exhort you to apply to his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop, who I knew was well diſpoſed to, and had often expreſſed his earneſt Deſires for an amicable Agreement; And I then aſſured you, and very truly, that I would contribute all in my Power to ſerve you in the making ſuch Agreement; and I often, before and after, ſpoke to the ſame Purpoſe to Mr. *Vigerus Edwards*, your Attorney and Agent, who is a Man of Integrity, he knows that, at his Deſire, I went to his Grace, and intimated, that you would pay 2000 *l.* for the Dilapidations, in caſe his Grace would accept it, and that I uſed my utmoſt Endeavours to prevent the Suit, and I doubt not but he acquainted you with it, and that he will own it; And when we were at *Tunbridge*, you was then ſo well ſatisfied with my Conduct and Friendſhip, that you expreſſed to the Right Worſhipful Mr. Dean of the Arches and Dr. *Paul*, as well as my ſelf, your Deſire of having me to be your Proctor, which I told you could not be, for you knew his Grace had engaged me, but I preſſed and importuned you to wait on his Grace, and make a Friendly End of the Diſpute, you then in a very unbecoming manner, made great Reflections on his Grace, and ſaid, he would not abide by any Propoſals, or ſtand to any Agreements he made, and that you muſt needs ſay his Grace was litigious. I then told you, that you might ſay any thing to me as your Friend, but that ſuch Language was not to be ſpoken of an Archbiſhop, and that I hop'd you did not talk at that rate to other

Perſons.

Perſons. To which you reply'd, you ſhould ſay ſo to every Body. I anſwered, that as I had been privy to what had paſſed between his Grace and Mr. *Edwards*, and knew the contrary of what you aſſerted to be true, I muſt and would contradict it where-ever I heard you or any other relate it. You added, you had Monies, and ſo had Mr. *Fage*, and that you would ſpend half the Eſtate his late Grace had left, rather than he ſhould be accounted a Dilapidator, and that you was informed you ſhould have Liberty to leſſen the Survey. I told you Monies would ſignify little, and that if his Grace was forc'd to proceed, and the Survey was not agreed to, his Grace would be as much at Liberty to enlarge his Demand as you would be to leſſen it, and that I underſtood from his Grace and Mr. *James*, that the Repairs would come to more by 1500 *l.* than was ſet down in the Survey; this, I ſuppoſe, is the Sum you aſſert to be mention'd by me at *Tunbridge Wells*.

I aver I never had any Directions or Inſtructions from the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln* concerning the Libel, nor do I know that his Lordſhip ever ſaw it, or any Draught or Copy thereof, or that he was any ways concerned or adviſing in the Affair.

You do me much Honour in aſſerting there's a Familiarity between his Lordſhip and me.

You, Sir, indeed have uſed his Lordſhip with very unuſual Familiarity.

By my ſerving his late Grace, I became known to his Lordſhip, and he was ſometimes pleaſed to honour me in asking my Sentiments about the Forms and Methods of Proceedings in the Eccleſiaſtical Courts, but I never preſum'd to be familiar with him.

The Inſtructions for drawing the Libel were given by his Grace, part of them are contained in a Paper Mr. *Ambroſe Warren* of St. *James*'s (who was converſant in the Family, and often employed by his late Grace) gave under his Hand, and he, as I was inform'd, would ſwear to the Truth of it, whenſoever he ſhould be required, a Copy of that Paper I herewith ſend you, if that is not ſatisfactory, you may have others which will verify every Article of the Libel.

I moſt ſolemnly declare I know nothing of the anonymous Letter, nor who wrote, or was concerned in adviſing, directing, or writing the ſame; and I can ſay the ſame thing for my Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln*, having, ſince the Publication of your Letters, often heard his Lordſhip declare, that as he had never ſo much as ſeen one Line of the Libel, nor of the Inſtructions for it, ſo he did not directly or indirectly know any thing of the writing of that Letter. It is certain, and I am firmly perſwaded the World will believe, that whoever wrote it was your Friend, *by the Advice he gave you, to preſerve your*

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Uncle's Memory from sinking to future Ages. I received many Favours from his late Grace. When he was asked who was a fit Person to be Proctor to our most gracious Sovereign King *GEORGE*, his Grace of his own Goodness, and without my Application, was pleased to recommend me, as he did in like manner to several of my Lords the Bishops, and I had reason to believe, if he had lived longer, I should have received more Instances of his Kindness, I shall always have a very grateful Remembrance of them, and honour and revere his Memory, and no Considerations whatsoever should have induced me to have drawn or fram'd any Libel reflecting on that Great, Pious, Charitable, Just and Good Man, had I been desired so to do, which I declare I never was.

When you was publishing, you should not have confined your self to a Scrap of the Libel, it would have been more candid, and not much more Trouble, to have set forth the Substance of the whole, because some Persons, thro' Ignorance or Misapprehension, may think the Words *covetous Person, and Lover of Monies*, denote his late Grace, and that the Libel is reflecting on him, you know the contrary, and that the Substance of the Libel is,

Libel. 1, 2, 3, 4, *and* 5 *Articles.* That the present Archbishop was translated to the See of *Canterbury* on *January* 16, 1715, that the late Archbishop was translated to that See *January* 16, 1694, and continued Archbishop till *December* 14, 1715, when he died, and at the Time of his Death the Palaces of *Lambeth* and *Croydon* were dilapidated and out of repair, and that Archbishop *Tillotson*, his immediate Predecessor, left them in thorough Repair.

6 *and* 7 *Articles.* That the late Archbishop was Aged and Infirm, and often grievously afflicted with the Gout, and had but little Use of his Legs, and could not walk to see or observe the Dilapidations, but he was sensible the Palaces were out of Repair, and talk'd of having them repaired, and frequently gave Orders and Directions to *Edward Tenison* his Steward to have the same repaired.

8*th Article.* That the said *Edward Tenison* being nearly related to, and younger than the late Archbishop, and likely to survive him, and *being a covetous Person, and Lover of Monies*, and having an Expectation of succeeding to all, or the greatest Part of the said late Archbishop's Estate, he the said *Edward Tenison* neglected to have the Dilapidations and necessary Repairs made good.

9*th Article.* That the late Archbishop's Servants and Workmen often acquainted the said *Edward Tenison*, the Steward, of the Repairs and Necessaries wanting, and the said Steward was angry and offended thereat, and stormed and swore and cursed at them, and called them Rogues, and by other opprobrious Names, and said they were always

always contriving to ſpend and lay out Monies, and that the Things complained of were well enough, and would laſt their Time (meaning ſo long as the late Archbiſhop would live) and that they ſhould not be made good or repaired, nor ſhould they have ſuch Neceſſaries. *Libel.* 10 *Article.*

That the ſaid late Archbiſhop frequently complained of the Neglects of the ſaid *Edward Teniſon*, his Steward, in not getting the Dilapidations and neceſſary Repairs made good, and often expreſſed much Uneaſineſs, and ſhewed great Concern thereat, and ſeveral times declared, that he wondered what his Steward meant that he was ſo averſe to repair any thing about the Houſe, and often complained of the Steward's Averſeneſs and Stubbornneſs to do any thing by way of Repair, or ſecuring Things from running to Ruin, and ſaid, he wondered what he meant by it, and that if he meant ſaving of Money, he the ſaid Archbiſhop would take care it ſhould not be for himſelf, and that he the ſaid Steward ſhould not be a Farthing the better for it. And the ſaid late Archbiſhop often declared he would not die Ragged, and that he would have the Palaces, and Buildings thereto belonging, repaired; and the ſaid late Archbiſhop did give Orders to one or more Perſon or Perſons to have the Dilapidations, and neceſſary Repairs wanting, made good and repaired, but the ſaid Archbiſhop departed this Life before the ſame were done.

That after the ſaid late Archbiſhop's Death, his Grace the preſent Archbiſhop wrote to Dr. *Teniſon* about the Dilapidations, and by the mutual Conſent, and at the joint Expence of his ſaid Grace and the ſaid Dr. *Teniſon* and the other Executors, an exact Survey and Eſtimation of the Dilapidations, and neceſſary Repairs wanting, was made by Mr. *James* Surveyor for his Grace, and Mr. *Dicconſon* Surveyor for the Executors, and by Eight Maſter Workmen, Four choſen by each Surveyor, who all agreed in the Survey and Eſtimate, and that the Dilapidations and neceſſary Repairs wanting at *Lambeth* amounted to 3061 *l.* 9 *s.* 7 *d.* and thoſe at *Croydon* to 471 *l.* 17 *s.* 10 *d.* in the whole 3503 *l.* 7 *s.* 5 *d.* and that Mr. *Chovely*, as Agent for his Grace, and Mr. *Edwards*, as Attorney and Agent for the ſaid Dr. *Teniſon* and the Executors, attended the taking the Survey, the Expence of which amounted to above 120 *l.* and Dr. *Teniſon* afterwards would not ſtand to, or abide by the Survey, but refuſed to anſwer and make good the ſame. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 *and* 19 *Articles.*

The other Articles are Articles of Form, They ſet forth the Yearly Income of the Archbiſhoprick, and that the Executors had received ſufficient Aſſets to make good the Dilapidations and neceſſary Repairs wanting, and that they had been required to make good the ſame, but had refuſed and neglected ſo to do, or to pay the Sum in the Survey to which they amounted.

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The Survey was exhibited, and annexed to the Libel, and made Part thereof.

'You aſſert your terrible Diſadvantage of ſtruggling with the 'Power of an Archbiſhop in his own Court, and that you was for-'ced to accept his Judge for one of the Referrees.

There was a Neceſſity of beginning the Cauſe in the *Court of Arches*, it could not be commenced originally in the *Court of Delegates*, nor in any other inferior Eccleſiaſtical Court, by reaſon the Executors lived in different Juriſdictions; and it would have ſeemed ſtrange if his Grace had paſſed by the Eccleſiaſtical Courts, and preferred the Temporal. I acquainted Mr. *Edwards*, and your Proctor Mr. *Peirſon*, that if you was under any Uneaſineſs on Account of the Commencement of the Cauſe in the *Court of Arches*, his Grace was conſenting, and willing, and deſirous it ſhould be removed by Appeal to, and reteined in, the *Court of Delegates*, where you might have ſome of the Lords the Biſhops, and Judges of the Common Law, joined with Civilians, to hear and determine the Merits of the Cauſe. And I heard my Lord Archbiſhop tell Mr. *Edwards*, that if you had any Exception againſt Mr. Dean of the Arches or Dr. *Paul*'s being Referrees with the Lords the Chief Juſtices, he his Grace would name other Civilians, and that he would go thro' the whole Profeſſion, and agree to any of them, even to your own Council; and you know I told you to the ſame Effect at *Tunbridge*, where you declared you excepted againſt all Civilians.

Every Body knows the Referrees, my Lord Chief Juſtice *King*, and Mr. Dean of the Arches, are Perſons of great Probity, and as they were obliged, and much reſpected, and highly eſteemed by his late Grace of *Canterbury*, ſo they would have the moſt tender Regard to his Memory, and to the Intereſt of his Family; And it is not to be imagined that they would award any thing contrary to the Equity and Juſtice of the Caſe, They had the Survey and Valuation before them, they examined the Surveyors on each Side, heard and conſidered all your Objections, and maturely deliberated on the whole, and for 3503 *l.* 7 *s.* 5 *d.* the Valuation of the Survey (to which your own Surveyor and Workmen agreed) they awarded but 2800 *l.* They did not award his Grace One Penny for Coſts, tho' he had expended about 70 *l.* for his Part of the Charges of taking the Survey, and ſeveral other conſiderable Sums to defend himſelf againſt your Chancery Suit, beſides thoſe Sums expended in the Cauſe for Dilapidations; and you was ſo ſenſible of the Referrees Friendſhip to you, and of the Juſtneſs and Equity of their Award, that you (by Letter to each

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of them) returned them your moſt hearty Thanks, and the Sum awarded being not much more than 2000 *l.* which you ſay your Council adviſed you to tender, it will by very few, if by any, be thought *Enormous*.

You ſay the Revenue of the Archbiſhoprick amounts to 6000*l.* *per Annum*, if ſo, his late Grace in the 21 Years he was poſſeſſed thereof, muſt have received about 126000 *l.* out of which you ſuggeſt he expended in Repairs 3421 *l.* 12 *s.* Allowing this to be true (tho' I am told otherwiſe) yet it is not a very great Sum, conſidering the Length of Time and the Antiquity and Largeneſs of the Palaces and Buildings belonging to them.

Archbiſhop *JUXON* was conſecrated *September* 20, 1660, and died *June* 4. 1663. Archbiſhop *SHELDON*, his immediate Succeſſor, inſtituted *a Cauſe in the Court of Arches* for Dilapidations againſt Sir *William Juxon* his Executor; and afterwards a ſpecial Commiſſion of Delegates was granted, and the Judges Delegates on the 24th of *May* 1667 gave Sentence, reciting, that Archbiſhop *Juxon* and his Executor had laid out and expended in Building and Reparations at *Lambeth* Palace and *Croydon* Houſe, 14847 *l.* 7 *s.* 10 *d.* and notwithſtanding the ſame Judges Delegates, by that very Sentence, condemned Sir *William Juxon* in 800 *l.* more, to be expended in repairing the ſaid Buildings.

Archbiſhop *Tillotſon* was conſecrated *May* 31. 1691, and departed this Life *November* 22. 1694, I have been credibly informed he expended in Building and Repairs at *Lambeth* Palace 7 or 8000 *l.*

The Queſtion was not, what was laid out in Repairs in the late Archbiſhop's Time, it was, what was wanting to make good the Dilapidations and neceſſary Repairs at the Time of his Death.

Dr. *Wood*, Biſhop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, ſued Sir *Andrew Hacket*, Executor of Biſhop *Hacket*, for Dilapidations *in the Court of Arches*, the Cauſe was referred to the then Lords Biſhops of *London* and *Peterborough*, they awarded 1400 *l.* for the Dilapidations, and 120 *l.* for Biſhop *Wood*'s Coſts of Suit, which Award was confirmed by Sentence of the *Court of Arches June* 27. 1684.

His late Grace was ſtrictly juſt, and would not knowingly have ſuffered or left any Dilapidations, he conſtantly gave Orders for making good all neceſſary Repairs, thoſe Orders were diſobeyed; his very great Age and Infirmities, and his long and tedious Confinement to his Chamber and Bed, rendered him

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incapable of a true Knowledge of the ill State and Condition of his Palaces.

Upon the whole, if your Conſcience, to which I appeal'd, does not acquit me, I muſt appeal to the World, and let that judge whether I have drawn or framed a Libel of my own Invention, or thrown Dirt on his Grace the late Archbiſhop, or raiſed the Spirit of Litigiouſneſs to vex and haunt you. And let impartial and unprejudiced Perſons declare, whether you have done Juſtice to the Memory of your great Patron his late Grace, or to the Memory of your Uncle Mr. *Edward Teniſon*, your Benefactor and beſt Friend, by publiſhing what ſhould have been buried in Oblivion, what the World would never have known from any other Author than your ſelf; and whether you have treated the Moſt Reverend his Grace, your Dioceſan and Metropolitan, and the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln*, in ſuch a manner as becomes a Doctor of Divinity and Dignified Clergyman, a Member of his Grace's own Cathedral and Metropolitical Church; and whether, after ſo Fair, ſo Juſt and Equitable an Award, you had reaſon to publiſh ſuch virulent Pamphlets; and to what End can theſe Things now tend more than the Diſcovery of that —— in your ſelf, which ſhould not appear to be in a Clergyman; I ſay no more, being unwilling to give Offence, my own Juſtification requires what has been ſaid; the other Particulars more concern other Perſons to anſwer than they do,

Reverend SIR,

Your injured Friend and Servant,

Doctors-Commons,
Feb. 11. 1717.

Henry Farrant.

A COPY of Mr. *Warren's* PAPER, Part of the INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LIBEL.

ABOUT the Year 1713, after his late Grace of *Canterbury* had had a Fit of the Gout, and was able to walk, he cauſed me to go out toward the Stable with him, where *Savage*, ſome Bricklayers and Labourers were ripping that part of the Stable Roof, next the Palace, when my Lord ſaid to me, he wonder'd what his Steward meant, that he was ſo averſe to repair any thing about the Houſe, tho' never ſo neceſſary, and tho' by his own frequent Orders to have it done, inſtancing in that Particular (with ſome others) where the Tile and Lath being very ruinous, had let in much Rain on the Hay, damag'd it much, and that it came thro' into the Stable on the Horſes, *&c.* that he was forced now to ſee it done himſelf, as he muſt the Hog-Park, the Brewhouſe, ſome of the Walls, and ſeveral other Matters, ſome of which had been

very long out of Repair, and the Steward very often expreſly ordered by his Grace's own Mouth to have it done; adding, *What can be the Meaning of it?* That had he ever expoſtulated with him, or diſcouraged him in or about Repairs, grudged any Expence, or ſhortened any Bill thereof, or to pay for it out of his own Money, ſomething might be ſaid on his Part; but it was contrary quite, his Grace ſaid he had commanded, perſuaded, and encouraged him to repair Things at the firſt, as a piece of good Husbandry, and ſaving of Money, and ſtill he found him unaccountably averſe to the thing ſo neceſſary, and which himſelf ever practis'd and approved of. He asked me what I could think was the Reaſon of it? To which I replied, he was ever reckoned a Getter, a Lover and a Saver of Money, and conſequently it went againſt him to part with any he could keep in his Hand, which, tho' not his own yet, might come ſo to be in time, he might think; beſides, that he had not been uſed to that ſort of Buſineſs, and neither underſtood nor liked it much.

Soon after his Grace ſpake to me to examine the Break-out in the Library to the *Pump-Court* which was much ſunk; which I did and order'd, a New Column, *&c.* and about the ſame Time, altered the Roof of the Girls School, on the next Houſe being rebuilt, when his Grace complained again of the Steward's Stubbornneſs to do any thing he deſired by way of Repairing or Securing Things from running to Ruin.

About the Middle of 1714. His Grace ſent for me to come over to him, when I came, his Grace in Bed, He began in this Manner: You know, I have more than once told you, how averſe my Steward is to repair any thing about *Lambeth* or *Croyden*, and no doubt you muſt have obſerved, I heard of great Wants in ſuch Things; there's the *Stocks* and *Whipping-Poſt* here, with the *Barge-Houſe* and *Pound*, that I have moſt frequently ordered him to put in Repair, and ſtill nothing of them are done, and I am threatned by the Jury to be returned for ſome of them, and ſhould be in danger of being drowned, were I well enough to go over in my Barge: Pray let me deſire you to ſee all theſe done; take no Notice of, or mind the Steward, but when the Work is done, Sign the Workmen's Bills, and if he refuſes to pay them, let them be brought to me, and they ſhall be paid; but I believe he will not ſay any thing to you, or refuſe paying what you Sign: Tho' all I can hitherto do or ſay to him, cannot prevail with him to repair any of theſe neceſſary Things; I cannot gueſs what he means by it; if to ſave Money, I'le take care it ſhall not be for himſelf; for he is not like to be one Farthing the Better for it, be

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it more or less. The *Barge-house*, was ready to fall in Two or Three several Places; the Barge had several large Leaks and Flaws in her, the Oars in wretched Condition, and when I asked the Barge-Master, *Dyer*, how chance he spake not to the Steward of these things in Time, his Answer was, speak, why, he had oft done it for a long time past, but he ever Stormed, Swore at, and Cursed him, and said, a Parcel of Rogues on ye, always contriving to lay out Money, that his Grace could seldom go by Water now, and that they would serve our Time, with much of the same sort of Reply; as by most of those of the Family I shall hereafter Name, I learned was his common Return to any Motions or Complaints made to him of any thing wanting Repair or requiring Money. He came by me Two or Three times while I was ordering the aforesaid Work, and Barge Causey, look'd much out of Humour, but said not a Word to me, or came near to look at the Work.

Near *Michaelmas*, 1714. My Lord sent for me again, repeated his former Complaint of his Steward, and now with more Resentment than ever, said he minded nothing but sotting, and that in a most unseasonable manner, and said he found the Steward seemed to take it ill, he not long before made him leave off his trading in Coal with some drunken Companion to prey upon the Poor, and hinder the fair Dealers therein; and then his Grace bad me look into the Kitchin, and put all there in order, giving him an exact Account, how I found Matters relating to that necessary Office, which I that Day did in each Particular, which were in a most savage Pickle, and then the Cooks, Mr. *Ells*, and Mr. *Heather*, both told me what his usual Treatment of them was on their complaining of any Want, of New Ovens, Grate, Dressors, Coppers, Boylers, Stoves, Pans, and Utensils of all Sorts, just as *Dyer* told me aforesaid, nay, fall into ridiculous Storms, and swear he'd have all Old ones mended, for his Humour sake; tho' the cost was more than New; and that they would serve our Time, which was a standing Reason with him.

In *November*, 1714. His Grace told me, that he understood that his Ponds, were not only full of Mud, but also out of order in the Grates, *&c.* Order'd me as before, to do what was necessary, and not mind the Steward, who still neglected to do every thing he had commanded on the Head of Repairs. The Season was not then fit for much, and about that time the Steward was very Ill himself.

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About *February* following (the Steward being Dead) his Grace ordered me to ſee the Butt-Ground encloſed to keep out the Hoggs and Cattle, and ſoon after his Lady dying, ordered me to make the Vault he had long ſince deſign'd (with both their Approbations) for them two.

I have omitted ſeveral Repairs ordered by his Grace in the Stewards Time, about 1714. as the great Bridge broke down, alike to have loſt a Gardiner, Two ſmaller Foot Bridges, One of which fell, and a Servant Maid in danger of drowning; the Houſe of Office that was nearly falling, about 22 Foot long of the *Thames* Wall down very low, all the Stones ſtole or loſt; the Brew-Houſe in a naſty Condition; on all theſe and like Occaſions, his Grace uſed to complain of the ſtubbornneſs of his Steward, on theſe Accounts, and alſo of his odd Ways to ſcrape Money together, as that of the Coal aforeſaid, and of leave, Lett to ſome to float their Timber againſt his *Thames* Wall to the great Scandal and Damage it brought.

About *March*, 1714. My Lord ſent me to *Croydon*, to look on the want of Repairs there, to order new Peers and Stone to the New Gates made before; and on my Report of Matters there, he was deſirous I ſhould then pull down part of Sir *Jo. Cook*'s Lodging, much of one Side being in Danger, alſo repair the Lodge, *&c.* But the Summer following being wery Wet, I delay'd it to a fitter Seaſon, tho' his Grace would fain have had all done then.

In *May*, 1715. His Grace ordered me to repair *Standgate* Stairs, Wharf, and Cauſey, all which I did, ſome New, and ſome with good Repair, the Cauſey was made too ſhort, but the Waters being then very high, we could not go well the Length.

About *June*, His Grace told me great Complaints came from all the Stable-Folk, about neceſſaries of moſt Kinds, and when Expoſtulated with them why they let things run ſo ruinous, as to make Shifts which Carters deſpiſed, *Thompſon*, *Robin* and *Ned*, in their Defence aſſured they had from time to time deſired things neceſſary, as Saddles, Bridles, Combs, Bruſhes, Tacks, Doors, Cloths, Girts, *&c.* Of the Steward; but all they could get of him was, ye damned Rogues and Cheats, Dam ye, they'll ſerve our time.

In *Auguſt*, 1715. I repaired the Engine and Engine-houſe, the former rotten for want of exerciſing, as my Lord had oft ordered in vain, I alſo then paved the High-way, ſome part I repaired and paved in *Maid-lane*, when his Grace deſired I would look over the great Want of Repairs both there and at *Croydon*, that he might not dye Ragged, as his Words were, and had lately been on ſuch Occaſions.

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On Recollection, *Stangate* Cauſey and Wharf were not ended till after *Michaelmas*, 1715. And when the Seaſon was too far gone for many of the Repairs, I had Orders from his Graces own Mouth to make, that he might not dye Ragged.

The Perſons who I know have heard the Steward ſtorm at Repairs and Expences, are, Mr. *Ibbot* in ſundry Points, as of Wine brought in by Hampers, only from Hand to Mouth, Fiſh, Fowl, *&c.* Mr. *Bradley* much the ſame, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Eels*, Mr. *Heather*, Mr. *Stubs* and Wife, both as to *Lambeth* and *Croydon*. *Thompſon*, *Ned Davis*, and *Robert*, in the Stables and Brewhouſe; *Richardſon*, and other the Bargemen, beſides the Bailiff, as to Pounds; *John Pye*, tho' gone, to many Particulars; alſo *Luke* to more, and *Thomas*. At *Croydon*, *Baker* the Gardener many times, *Lynn* and *Farnes* Carpenters, and the Bricklayer; poſſibly *Gates* Maſon at *Lambeth*, with *Gibſon* the Carpenter, *Savage* the Bricklayer, *Mutlow* Plummer in St. *Martins-Lane*.

I have omitted divers like Circumſtances of Repairs, and of his Grace's Complaint of his Steward, and indeed of one in *October*, at the Corner-Houſe, much of which was rotten and gone, and the Garden-Door and Wall; but while doing, I found Archdeacon *Teniſon* very much concern'd and uneaſy, looking, ſending, and enquiring of Workmen, why, when, how much, *&c.* that it damp'd me a little.

Auguſt 31. 1716.

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On Recollection, Squire Cauley and Wharf were not ended till after Michaelmas, 1715. And when the Season was too far gone for many of the Repairs, I had Orders from his Grace's own Mouth to make, th[at] the Mistake not dye-flagged.

The Perſons who I know have heard the Steward form at Repairs and Expences, are, Mr. Dear in Finchley Points, as of Wages brought in by Hampers, only from Hand to Mouth, Firth, Fobs, &c. Mr. Bramley much the same, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Ely, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Snob and Wife, both as to Lambeth and Croydon. Thomas Ives and Dacie, and Robert, in the Stables and Brewhouse; Archer and other the Bargemen, besides the Bailiff, as to Pounds; Pews Pye, the gone, to many Particulars; alls Lake to most, and Thomas. At Croydon, Baker the Gardener many times, Lyon and Farrer Carpenters, and the Bricklayer; possibly Carter Mason at Lambeth, with Oak the Carpenter, Savage the Bricklayer, Marlow Plumber in St. Martin-Lane.

I have omitted divers like Circumſtances of Repairs, and of his Grace's Complaint of his Steward, and indeed of one in Office, at the Corner-House, much of which was rotten and gone, and the Garden-Door and Wall; but while doing, I found Archdeacon Tew[illegible] very much concern'd and uneasy, looking, tending, and enquiring of Workmen, why, when, how much, &c. that it damp'd me a little.

August 31.
1716.

AMBROSE WARREN.